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IN RE APPLICATION OF:

Juergen SCHUBERT, et al. : GROUP ART UNIT: 1755

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AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS ALEXANDRIA, VA 22313

SIR:

In response to the Office Action mailed September 7, 2006, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the following amendments and remarks.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 3 of this paper.

Amendments to the Abstract of the Disclosure begin on page 8 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 9 of this paper.

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